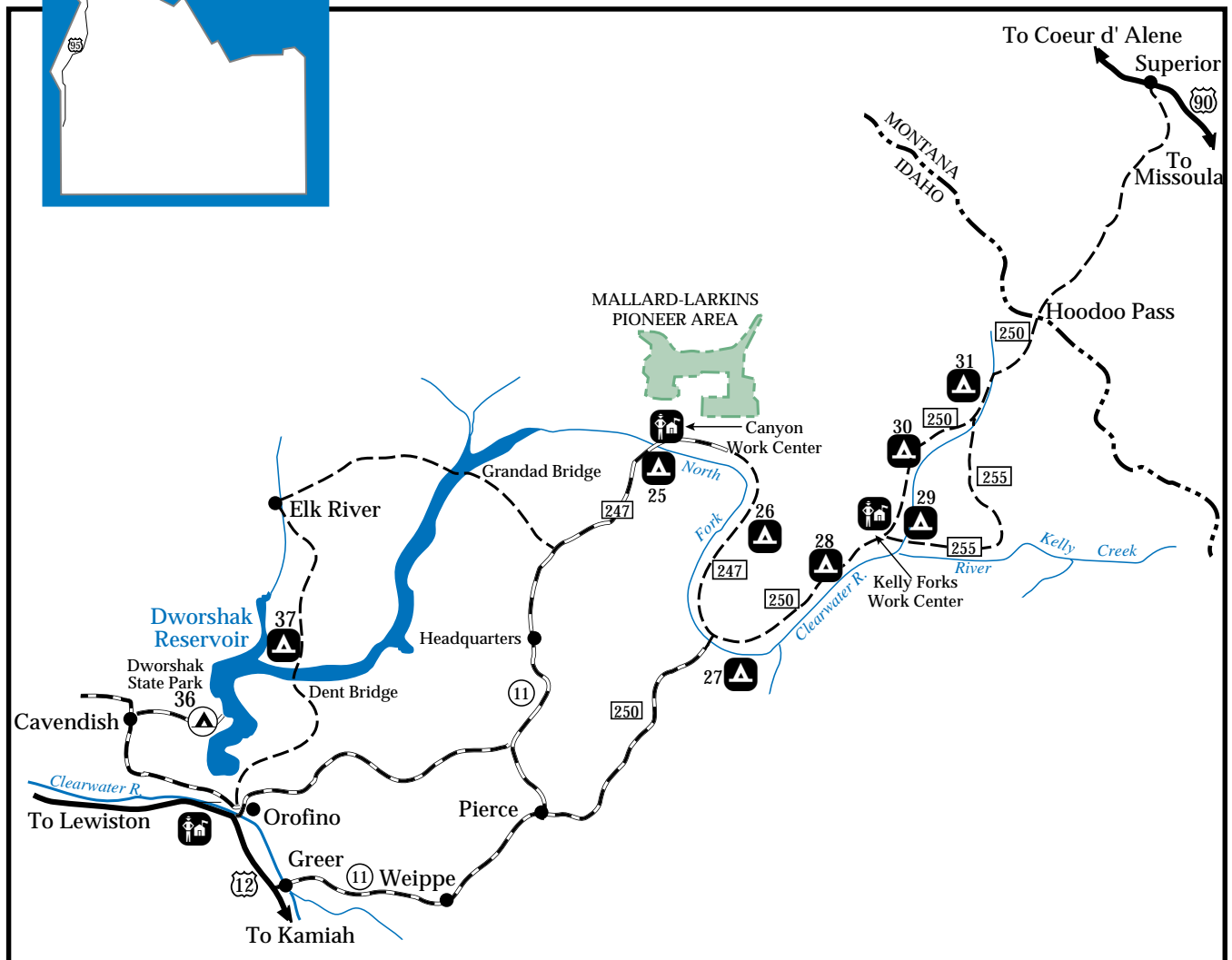


## THE NORTH FORK CLEARWATER RIVER CORRIDOR



Map #	Campground or Site #	Owner	# of Units	Picnic	Toilet	Water	RV/Tr	Holap	Fee	Ease of Access
25	Aquarius Campground	USFS	9	•	•	•	•		•	●
26	Washington Creek Campground	USFS	23	•	•	•	•		•	●
27	Weitas Campground	USFS	6	•		•				◆
28	Noe Creek Campground	USFS	6	•	•	•	•		•	◆
29	Kelly Forks Campground	USFS	14	•	•	•	•		•	◆
30	Hidden Creek Campground	USFS	13	•	•	•	•		•	◆
31	Cedars Campground	USFS	5	•		•	•			◆
36	Dworshak Campground	State	105	•	•	•	•	•	•	■
37	Dent Acres	Federal	50	•	•	•	•	•	•	■

# N. FORK CLEARWATER RIVER CORRIDOR

## WHAT'S IT LIKE?

Entering the North Fork corridor is a journey mostly alongside the North Fork of the Clearwater River, a free-flowing river where trees or brush grow on the steep hillsides rising from the water's edge. The area ranges in elevation from 1,700 to 6,000 feet at Hoodoo Pass on the Idaho-Montana border. Streams with native trout flow into the North Fork River and lure fishing enthusiasts, including osprey. The sound of water rushing over rocks combines with the coolness of dense forests and the majesty of mountain peaks to create a scene both rugged and beautiful. Visitors wanting to camp can choose from campgrounds with some services to unimproved dispersed campsites with no services.

## WHAT'S THE ROAD LIKE?

Two main routes into the North Fork corridor make it possible to tour the area in a loop, with little backtracking. Road 247 from the small community of Headquarters is a paved, mostly winding road. Pavement ends a few miles east of Aquarius campground, and gravel begins. In dry weather, the road can be dusty. It can also become like a washboard. It's always wise to drive slowly on the right side of the road—not down the middle. Road 250 is paved for several miles from its junction with State Highway 11 just south of the town of Pierce over French Mountain Pass. It, too, eventually becomes gravel, with dust and washboard conditions possible. Road 250 north of Kelly Forks work center is not recommended for recreational vehicles (RVs) or vehicles towing trailers.

## WHAT'S THERE TO DO?

There's plenty of beautiful country in the North Fork corridor, mostly of the rugged variety. There are several campgrounds spread throughout the corridor. Some can accommodate larger RVs, but most are limited to smaller vehicles. Several dispersed sites offer camping opportunities although water and restrooms are generally not available. What is available is wildlife. Elk, white-tailed and mule deer, black bear, cougar, mountain goat and moose call the North Fork corridor home. They mostly roam at night but can occasionally be seen in the daytime. For the



*Fishing for west slope cutthroat and rainbow trout lures many to the North Fork Clearwater River.*

anglers, the North Fork holds west slope cutthroat trout, rainbow trout and whitefish. Kelly Creek, which flows into the North Fork, is a “blue-ribbon” trout stream. It and its tributaries are catch-and-release streams. The North Fork also offers whitewater floating opportunities generally in May and June during spring runoff. For the nature walker, there are unique “coastal disjunct” plant communities common to the West coast maritime climate. They grow in a few select places below 2,800 feet.

## ANY QUESTIONS?

- Are there garbage dumpsters any place other than the campgrounds?

*Actually, there aren't dumpsters anywhere in the North Fork corridor. This is “pack-it-in/pack-it-out” country.*

- What about swimming?

*The North Fork Clearwater River warms up enough for swimming in August, and it is a popular activity in the summer. There are many sandy beaches, but this is a wild river; there are no managed swimming places and no lifeguards.*

## BROCHURES

- ✓ North Fork Clearwater River Corridor (Free)
- ✓ Traveling National Forest Roads (Free)
- ✓ Clearwater National Forest Visitor Map (\$)
- ✓ For Rent: Wallow Mountain Lookout (Free)
- ✓ For Rent: Cold Springs Peak Cabin (Free)
- ✓ Clearwater Forest Trail Descriptions (Free)